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## **Restraining Order Protections Unanimously Extended by Oregon Senate**

*Senate Bill 816 protects survivors of abuse by amending duration of certain restraining orders from one year to two*

**SALEM, Ore** - This week, the Oregon Senate unanimously voted to extend the duration of restraining orders to protect survivors of abuse. [Senate Bill 816](#) would amend the duration of certain restraining orders from one year to two years, unless the order is withdrawn or amended, allowing survivors more time to heal before having to confront abusers in legal proceedings.

By extending the duration of these restraining orders, survivors will have an additional 12 months to stabilize and find safety away from their abuser. This also allows them time to present evidence that there is an imminent danger of further abuse to the petitioner and that the respondent represents a credible threat to the physical safety of the petitioner or the petitioner's child.

"This bill will provide peace of mind for survivors of abuse in Oregon. Too often, abusers are using the legal system to continue harming the brave Oregonians seeking protection," **said Senator James I. Manning Jr. in his carry speech on the Senate floor.** "I'm proud that we united to stand up to abusers and make our state a safer place for survivors."

Strengthening community safety and justice for all Oregonians is part of [Oregon Senate Democrats' Oregon Works Agenda](#).

Senate Bill 816 now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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